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Washington, D. C. 20530

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Mr. Herbert E. Angel
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Dear Mr. Angel:

This is in response to your letter of August 17, 1970, in which you notified me that it is time for the documents in the Numbered Document File of the Warren Commission to be reviewed for the purpose of determining whether any of these documents previously withheld may now be released to the public. You noted that the documents furnished the Commission by this Department include "about four linear feet of reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation" and "Commission Document 355, a volume (about two inches thick) of copies of summaries of FBI interviews with acquaintances of Jack L. Ruby."

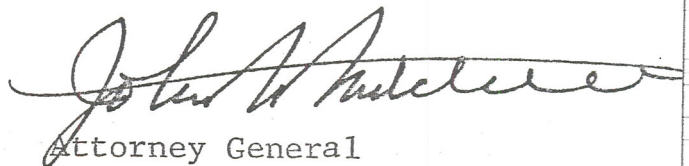
At my request, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Office of Legal Counsel conducted a review of those documents. The accompanying memorandum of October 1, 1970, which is entitled "Five-Year Review of Warren Commission Files", contains this Department's recommendation with respect to release of the FBI reports. I believe you will find the memorandum self-explanatory.

As to the other item--Commission Document 355--the Department recommends partial disclosure. As noted, the Document contains copies of summaries of interviews by the FBI of individuals acquainted with Jack Ruby. The full interviews are contained in FBI investigative reports, some of

which have been released to the public. The Department has no objection to the release of those summaries in Commission Document 355 relating to interviews which themselves are in public view. However, if the interview being summarized has not been released to the public, we would oppose release of the corresponding summary in Commission Document 355.

If the Department can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to consult us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Mitchell", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed title "Attorney General".

Attorney General